

[English]

GSI Survey in Assam

2398. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey in Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of mineral reserves found there;

(c) whether the Government propose to intensify efforts for exploration mineral deposits in the state, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years only one item of mineral investigation viz. Resource Survey for dimensional stones of Burapahar area, Karbi Anglong districts was taken up. Reserves are yet to be calculated.

(c) and (d). It is a continuous process of Geological Survey of India. The GSI undertakes the survey in the country including Assam as approved by Central Geological Programming Board. The proposal for 96-97 includes two investigations for gold and other possible mineralisation in Karbi Anglong, Goalpara and Kamrup Districts, Assam during the Field Season 1996-97.

[Translation]

Post Offices in Rural Areas

2399. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a lack of Post Offices, in rural areas of Bihar.

(b) the number of Post-offices opened in the rural areas of the state during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to open new Post Offices in the State during 1996-97;

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof and by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. Out of 11,771 Post Offices in Bihar, 11,047 Post Offices are functioning in the rural areas which constitute 93.8% of the total Post Offices in Bihar.

(b) The number of Post Offices opened in the rural areas of Bihar during the last three years, district-wise is given in the attached Statement.

territory-wise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to open 10 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 11 Departmental Sub Post Offices under Annual Plan, 1996-97. District-wise targets are not being allocated as Post Offices are opened keeping in view the norms based justification and merits of each proposal.

(e) Question does not arise in view of (d) above.

STATEMENT

Number of Post Offices Opened in the Rural Areas in Bihar Circle during the last three years (District-wise)

S. No.	Name of District	Nos. of Post Offices opened		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Munger	2	-	-
2.	Saran	3	-	-
3.	Nawada	2	-	-
4.	Gaya	4	-	-
5.	Jahanabad	1	-	-
6.	Nalanda	1	-	-
7.	Buxar	2	-	-
8.	Bhagalpur	1	-	-
9.	Patna	2	-	-
10.	Ranchi	4	-	-
11.	W. Singhbhum	4	-	-
12.	Palamau	3	-	-
13.	Bokaro	1	-	-
14.	Chapra	1	-	-
15.	Rohtas	1	-	-
16.	Banka	1	-	-
17.	Sitamarhi	2	-	-
18.	Dumka	3	-	-
19.	East Champaran	1	-	-
20.	West Champaran	1	-	-
21.	East Singhbhum	3	-	-
22.	Sahibgunj	2	-	-
23.	Lohardaga	8	-	-
24.	Vaishali	2	-	-
25.	Gumla	4	-	-
26.	Bhojpur	2	-	-
27.	Deoghar	1	-	-
28.	Madhepura	2	-	-
29.	Katihar	1	-	-
30.	Kishanganj	1	-	-
31.	Hazaribagh	1	-	-

1	2	3	4	5
32.	Muzaffarpur	5	-	-
33.	Siwan	2	-	-
34.	Godda	1	-	-
35.	Giridih	1	-	-
36.	Jamui	1	-	-
37.	Bhabhua	1	-	-
38.	Saharsa	2	-	-
39.	Supaul	1	-	-
40.	Araria	1	-	-
41.	Samastipur	3	-	-
42.	Darbhanga	1	-	-
43.	Purnea	1	-	-
44.	Madhubani	1	-	-
45.	Khagria	2	-	-
Total		90	-	-

[English]

Telephone Exchanges in Assam

2400. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision was taken in the last annual report for setting up of telephone exchanges in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of telephone exchanges set up so far and the number of exchanges likely to be set up in the State during 1996-97, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present 285 telephone exchanges are functioning in the state of Assam. 10 New Telephone exchanges have been tentatively planned to be opened during 1996-97 at the following locations subject to availability of minimum required registered demand and infrastructure.

1. Kotamoni Bazar (Commissioned)
2. Rangachacua (Commissioned)
3. Singri
4. Deomornoigaon
5. Jhaklabanda
6. Bebejia
7. Jajuli
8. Ghilamara
9. Manikpur
10. Neepco Kathalguri

[Translation]

Allocation for Upliftment of Scheduled Tribes

2401. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the amount allocated for the implementation of welfare scheme for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes in Bihar during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : The amount allocated by the Ministry of Welfare for the implementation of Welfare schemes for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes in Bihar during each of the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount allocated
1993-94	4487.06
1994-95	2746.75
1995-96	4967.11

[English]

Time allotted to Nepali Programme

2402. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time allotted to each day to Nepali programmes on Calcutta Doordarshan;

(b) whether the Government have received representation for increase in time; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 10 minutes per day for four days in a week.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Electronic Exchanges in A.P.

2403. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic as well as electro-mechanical telephone exchanges functioning in Andhra Pradesh, as on date, district-wise; and

(b) the number of such new exchanges, proposed to be set up in the State, district-wise, during 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 1683 nos. of electronic